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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ZEMLA ADDS THREE WORDS TO DRAFT NOTE

REFS A. PRAGUE 1431, B. PRAGUE 1378 C. STATE 042647

- 1. ZEMLA TELEPHONED E/C COUNSELOR JUNE 1 TO REQUEST EMBASSY'S CONSENT TO ADD THREE WORDS TO LAST SENTENCE OF SECOND PARAGRAPH OF REVISED DRAFT NOTE WHICH WE GAVE MFA MAY 26 (REF A).

 IN ACCORD WITH OUR EARLIER AGREEMENT TO SWAP YUGOSLAVIA FOR SYRIA AS BEYOND POINT (REF B AND PREVIOUS), ZEMLA PROPOSED TO MAKE END OF SUBJECT SENTENCE TO READ QUOTE: TO ADD SYRIA TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES AVAILABLE AS BEYOND POINTS BETWEEN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND INDIA INSTEAD OF YUGOSLAVIA. UNQUOTE. ZEMLA SAID HE NEEDED IMMEDIATE U.S. CONCURRENCE ON THIS MINOR CHANGE SO THAT GOC CAN PROMPTLY GRANT PAN AM INTERIM PRAGUE-DAMASCUS TRAFFIC RIGHTS.
- 2. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE GRANTING OF INTERIM TRAFFIC RIGHTS, E/C COUNSELOR AGREED TO THIS CHANGE AND SAID HE WOULD SO INFORM DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS POINTED QUESTIONS, ZEMLA SAID TRAFFIC RIGHTS WOULD BE GRANTED "BEFORE THE START OF NEXT WEEK" (I.E. BEFORE MONDAY).
- 3. COMMENT: LOCAL PAN AM REP, EARLIER ON JUNE 1, HAD AGAIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASKED E/C COUNSELOR TO PRESS ZEMLA URGENTLY ON TRAFFIC RIGHTS. SINCE ZEMLA ASSURED US ON MAY 24 (REF B) THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE IN "ABOUT ONE WEEK" FROM RECEIPT OF NEW DRAFT NOTE, HE WILL BE MORE OR LESS ON TARGET IF RIGHTS ARE INDEED GRANTED BEFORE JUNE 6.
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